

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please **REPLACE** the paragraph beginning at page 1, before line 1, starting with the phrase "The application is a continuation application ... ", as follows:

This application is a continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of International Application PCT/JP02/01056 and PCT/JP01/00994, filed February 7, 2002 and February 13, 2001, it being further noted that ~~foreign~~ PCT Patent Application PCT/JP02/01056 claims priority benefit is based upon PCT Patent Application PCT/JP01/00994, filed February 13, 2001